

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

☪ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☪

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Text: Psalm 71

“LET MY MOUTH BE FILLED WITH YOUR PRAISE”

NEARING THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR

Once again, we come to the end of another year. How has this year been? Let us learn valuable lessons from Psalm 71 as to how we may reflect on our life.

MEDITATION

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1. Problems in life

- a) Problems in life are to be expected
- b) The Psalmist reflected on the many problems he faced in his life:
 - i) There were enemies who plotted against him Ps. 71:4, 10, 11
 - ii) The danger of losing his life was thus very real

2. Prayers to God

- a) This was a natural response
- b) One who has learned to trust God will be inclined to prayer

3. Protection from God

- a) This was sought earnestly and humbly
- b) The cries to God included the following:
 - i) A strong refuge Ps. 71:3a
 - ii) Rock and fortress Ps. 71:3d

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

The Psalmist was determined to offer praise to God. He wrote meaningfully these words.

*“Let my mouth be filled with Your praise,
And with Your glory all the day.” Psalm 71:8*

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1. Let my mouth be filled
 - a) He desired to have his mouth filled
 - b) Not with food, but with praise
2. Your praise... and Your glory
 - a) There was every reason to offer praise to God
 - i) He had been a strong refuge
 - ii) He had protected the psalmist and preserved his life
 - b) Not just general songs of praise
 - i) The focus was the glory of God
 - ii) The Psalmist saw the glory of God as he faced his problems
 - c) He determined to extol God and His glory!

Let us be inspired to offer heartfelt praise to God. Let us seek to proclaim the glory of the Lord! †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be refreshed through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4.07

This would be the last Catechism Class for the year 2019. †

NEXT SUNDAY: 1 December 2019

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper.
Let us come with prepared hearts and minds. †

1st ADVENT SUNDAY (1 December 2019)

We commence the Advent season next Sunday. This is traditionally called 1st Advent Sunday. We will be lighting the first Christmas Candle:

THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

There are four Candles that are lit before Christmas:

1. The Prophecy Candle

1 December 2019

2. The Bethlehem Candle

8 December 2019

3. The Shepherds' Candle

15 December 2019

4. The Angels' Candle

22 December 2019 †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE

1-5 December 2019

"Be ready to give a defense"

The Youth Conference commences next Sunday.
Let us pray for the Lord's grace to be bestowed! †

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

Saturday, 7 December 2019

Time: 4.00pm

Plan to register today.

CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICES

8 and 15 December 2019

1. Paedo-baptism
2. Adult baptism
3. Transference of membership

Let us rejoice in the work that God is doing in the hearts of all who are seeking to be members of Bethany!

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

25 December 2019

Plan to book your table as soon as possible! †

WEDDING BELLS

Jarryl and Jessica will be married this Saturday, 30 November 2019. The wedding service commences at 11.00am. All in Bethany are invited. †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 104:5-9

⁵ *You who laid the foundations of the earth,
So that it should not be moved forever,*

⁶ *You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
The waters stood above the mountains.*

⁷ *At Your rebuke they fled;
At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.*

⁸ *They went up over the mountains;
They went down into the valleys,
To the place which You founded for them.*

⁹ *You have set a boundary that they may not pass over,
That they may not return to cover the earth.*

A CREATION PSALM

1. The foundations of the earth
These have been established by God
2. The focus on "water"
 - a) About 75% of the earth is covered by water
 - b) God has set boundaries so that the oceans cannot cover the land entirely
3. The power of God
 - a) This is seen in creation
 - b) This is also seen in management of the seas †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 24 NOVEMBER 2019

PSALM 24:8 WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY?

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

1. The LORD God

- a) He is rightly called "The King of glory"
- b) He is truly "mighty in battle"

2. The LORD

- a) This was His "covenant" name
- b) His attributes highlighted
 - i) He is strong and mighty
 - ii) He is the LORD God of all who have faith in Him

NEXT SUNDAY: 1 DECEMBER 2019

TEXT: PSALM 105:3 GLORY IN HIS HOLY NAME

Glory in His holy name;

Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD. †

A MOUTH FILLED WITH YOUR PRAISE

The problems of life can sometimes be frightening;
Thinking about them can cause a sense of despairing.
The wisest thing to do is to pray to God in true humility;
The LORD will prove Himself faithful most wonderfully.

He will be a strong rock refuge and fortress;
He will hear the prayers of all who are stressed.
All who turn to Him will find Him magnificently faithful;
Faith in God will see the soul strengthened and grateful.

The natural desire of the one who has been redeemed,
Will be one that is desirous to be filled with great hymns.
The glory of the Lord must be proclaimed with great joy;
Words of praise and glory, the mouth must seek to employ.

The glory of God may be found in His protection;
The heart sees this and the soul is in jubilation.
Let us be challenged to fill our mouth with praise!
The glory of God reflects His truly awesome grace

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 71:8 †

God's Glory in His Son Jesus Christ

God's glory is reflected in His Son Jesus Christ
He came to earth to minister to mankind
No one really understood our Father's plan, His Son to sacrifice
Thus many men failed to see God's glory as they were blind

Spiritual blindness prevails in our modern world as is widely known
We should seek the Lord's favour to deal with this impairment
Let's arouse our senses and work on them till they are well honed
To experience His glory when our senses are no longer dormant

Glimpses of the glory of God will gladden the heart
The chirping of birds heralding the arrival of a new day
Glimpses of the glory of God can however fear impart
Thundering and lightning flashes serve as warning when we stray

The Lord demands true faithfulness of our hearts
Anything less, falls short of his expectations which is unacceptable
Making our commitment to Him is a good start
With His grace and mercy, our faith can grow to a deeper level

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: John 1:10, 29; Exodus 19:16 †

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

In the days of Moses, Israel was chosen to meet with the Lord,
At Mount Sinai, the people caught a glimpse of the glory of God.
There was thunder and lightning as the trumpets sounded loudly,
God descended in fire and the whole mountain quaked greatly.

Why did God allow Israel to have these glorious experiences?
God wanted them to find faith and to awake their senses.
God also wanted His people to cultivate fear and reverence,
For all are sinful and unworthy to be in His Holy Presence.

God reveals His glory to help us learn deeper lessons in life,
And to have a relationship with Him that is vibrant and alive.
God wants us to love and obey Him with a devoted heart,
And to remain faithful to Him who has specially set us apart.

It is not easy to be faithful for the heart is prone to wander,
We need the Lord to unite our heart to fear His name like no other.
He is full of compassion, ready to forgive and abundant in mercy,
He will faithfully teach us and even reveal glimpses of His glory!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Exodus 19:16-20 and 20:18-21 †

THEME : THE GLORY OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

“The Appearance of the likeness of
the glory of the LORD”
Ezekiel 1

Chairman
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist
Mrs Amelia Toi

Organist
Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter
Mrs Koh Baoling

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10.30 AM

“Learning to love the Lord”
Matthew 26:6-13; John 12:1-8

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

Speaker
Rev Benjamin Chong

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast: Eric & Siok Kuan

Fellowship Lunch: Roger & Lena Lai; Sherman & Zara; Daniel & Le Chin

Bethany Church Activities



	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Teens' Worship Service		Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor	
Evening-Bilingual Worship Service		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 th floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 st floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-3	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 th floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 th floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
BIBLE STUDY				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Home Bible Study	2 nd and 4 th Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 st and 3 rd Fri	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 th floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 th floor
Young Married Group		Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor	
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
24 November 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 131

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 59

To God Be The Glory

HWC No. 495

Heaven Came Down

Century Praise 44

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “The Appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD”

Text : Ezekiel 1

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 6

How Great Thou Art

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

24 NOVEMBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2019

We commence the annual Youth Conference next Sunday, 1 December 2019. The theme for the YC is taken from 1 Peter 3:15.

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts,
And always be ready to give a defense to everyone
Who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you,
With meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3:15*

1. Sanctifying the Lord God in your hearts

- a) This is what the Camp Committee has been seeking to do
- b) The word “sanctify” focuses on the holiness of God
- c) This is how we must ever seek to serve our holy God
 - i) With a holy heart
 - ii) With holy hands

2. And always be ready to give a defense to everyone Who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you

- a) There are many people who do not know the Lord our God
 - i) They do not know why we take time out for worship and ministry
 - ii) They do not understand what we believe in and why we believe at all
- b) Our challenge
 - i) To be able to give good reasons why we believe in God
 - ii) To be able to share our faith in the Lord

3. With meekness and fear

- a) We must always seek to share our faith humbly and yet courageously.
- b) Let us seek the Lord for His blessings on the Youth Conference!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*